

**INTERIM CORRECTIVE MEASURES IMPLEMENTATION REPORT  
ASBESTOS SURFACE IMPOUNDMENT  
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT UNIT  
OCCIDENTAL CHEMICAL CORPORATION  
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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

The Occidental Chemical Corporation (OCC) facility in Wichita, Kansas (RCRA ID No. KSD007482029) completed an Interim Corrective Measure (ICM) in November 2006 to mitigate a potential threat to human health and the environment related to the discovery of near-surface, asbestos-containing material believed to be associated with a historical asbestos surface impoundment (ASI) solid waste management unit (SWMU) at the facility. This ICM Implementation Report provides information regarding discovery of the area, assessment of the area, and construction of a concrete cap over the area where near-surface, asbestos-containing material was noted. This report also provides information regarding the operation and maintenance of the ICM.

## **2. PROJECT BACKGROUND**

The Occidental Chemical Corporation Wichita facility began operations in the early 1950s as an Inorganic Plant. The ASI operated from 1951 to 1977 in the southern portion of the inorganic production area. Figure 2-1 shows the location of the ASI within the facility. Figure 2-2 shows the estimated size and approximate location of the impoundment relative to adjacent features. The impoundment is located directly to the east of Cooling Tower #4, the cooling tower associated with the Membrane 1 Plant, Cell Renewal, and the Chlorine Sniff Plant in the inorganic production area of the facility. The exact size of the ASI and the amount of asbestos in the area are currently unknown due to the absence of complete assessment data and the absence of historical production rates and tracking for on-site asbestos disposal.

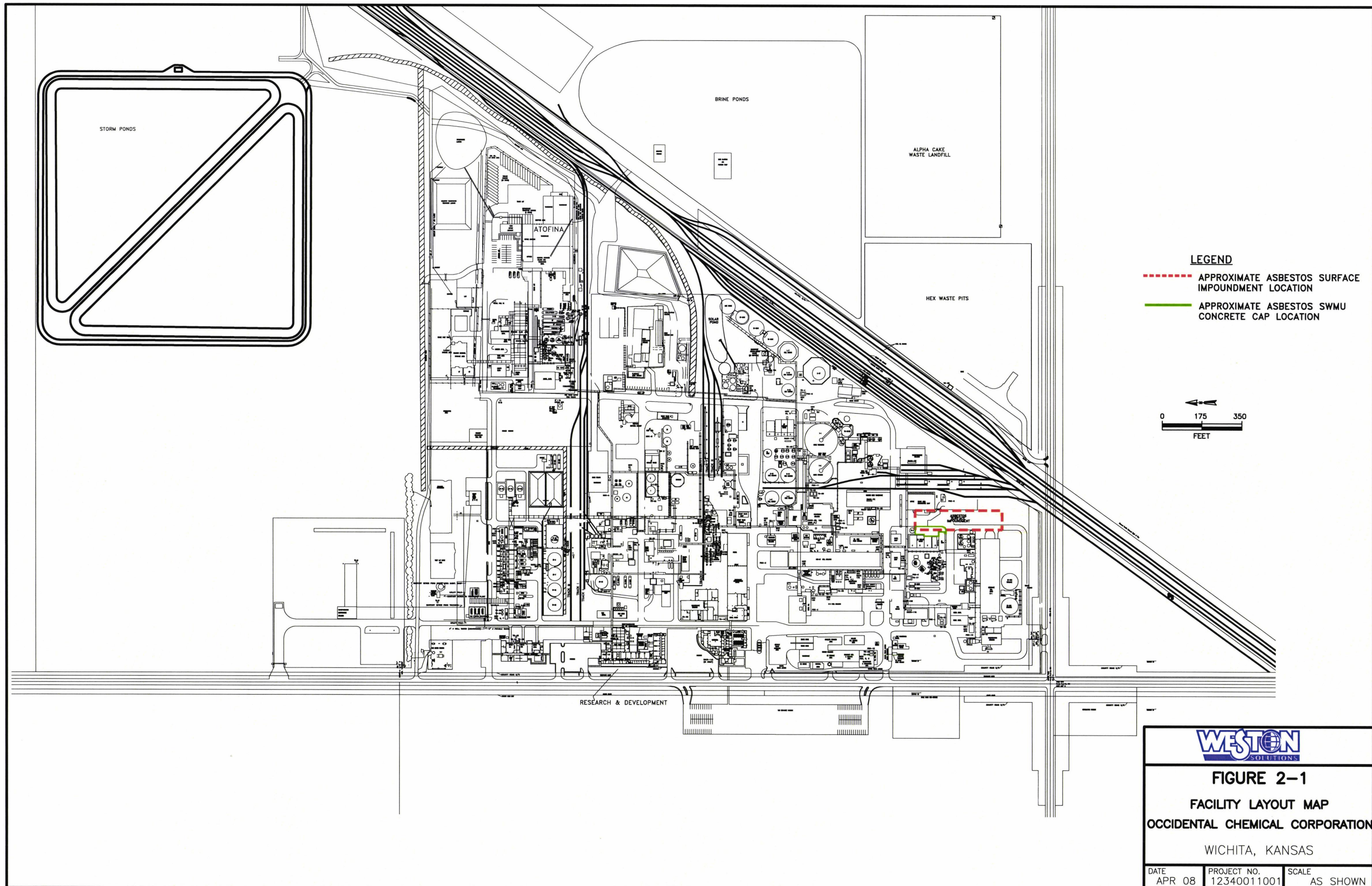
During the period in which the impoundment was operational, asbestos-containing wastes were generated by the regeneration of diaphragm cells used in the manufacture of sodium hydroxide. The waste was transferred to the impoundment from the Waste Asbestos Handling area that is located within the Cell Repair building in the southern portion of the facility. In 1977, the plant began disposing of asbestos-containing waste in licensed off-site facilities and use of the ASI was discontinued. Construction of additional operation units in the area after 1977 resulted in the covering of the ASI with soil, rock and concrete pavement associated with operating units.

During routine maintenance activities in June 2005, maintenance personnel using a skid loader to level the area east of Cooling Tower #4 discovered a grayish-white material that was suspected to contain asbestos. Three individual grab samples were collected for characterization of the material. One sample was collected near the storm drain adjacent to the cooling tower basin, a second sample was collected near the southern boundary of the graveled area, and a third sample was collected from stockpiled excavated material. Figure 2-2 shows the approximate locations of the two samples collected from in-place material. After the samples were collected, the area was covered with tarps and plywood until completion of the ICM.

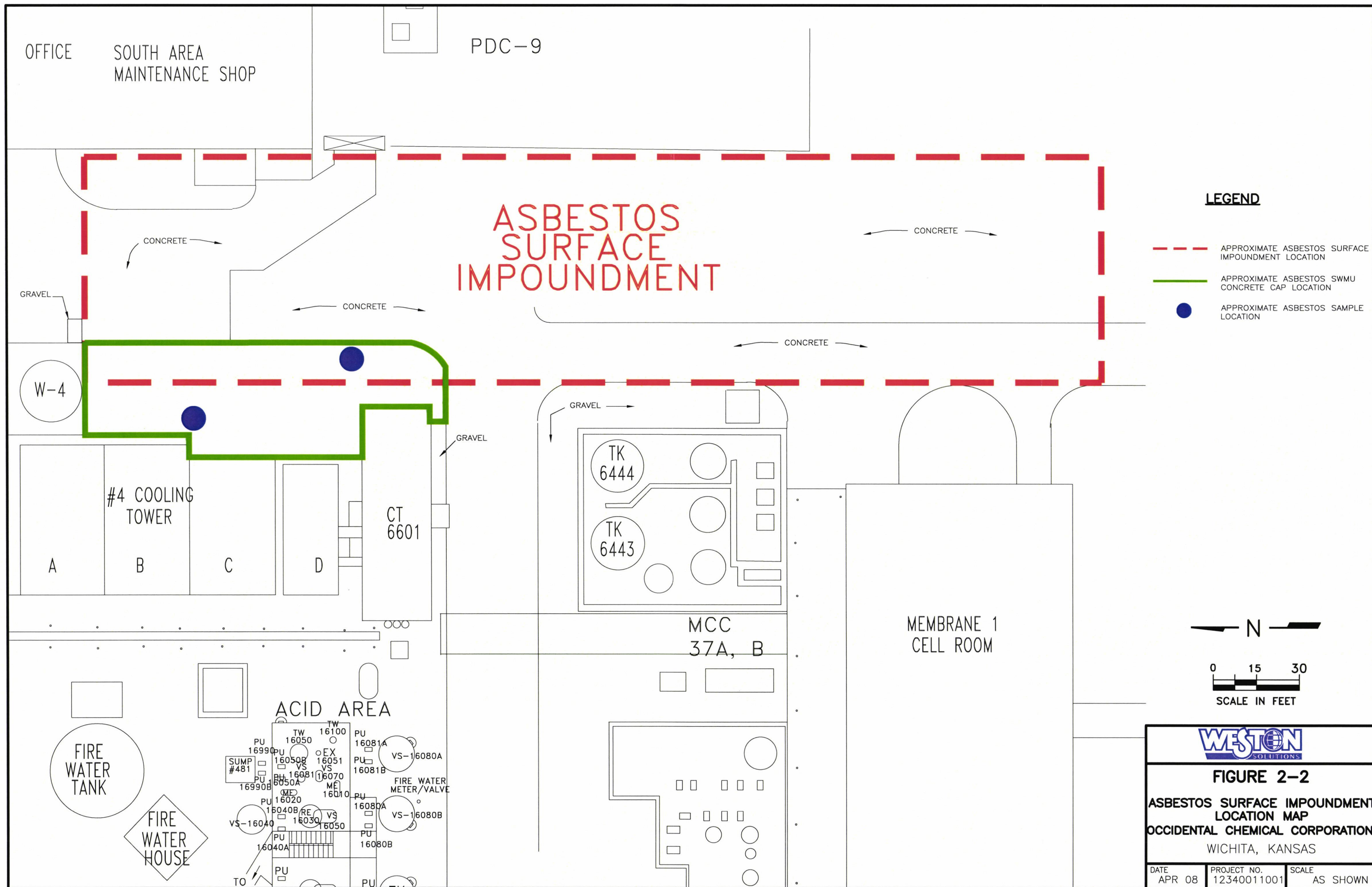
The three samples were shipped to Quantem Laboratories in Wichita, Kansas, for asbestos analysis. The analytical reports for the samples are provided in Attachment A. Table 2-1 is a summary of the



sample results. The samples were reported to contain chrysotile asbestos in concentrations ranging from 15% to 75%.







**Table 2-1**  
**Summary of Asbestos Analytical Results**  
**Occidental Chemical Corporation**  
**Wichita, Kansas**

Sample ID	Date	Color/Description	Type	Asbestos (%)
W16-05	6/30/2005	Gray Insulation	Chrysotile	75
W17-05	7/7/2005	Gray Insulation	Chrysotile	20
W18-05	7/7/2005	Black Insulation	Chrysotile	15

### **3. INTERIM CORRECTIVE MEASURES**

After confirmation that asbestos-containing materials were present near the surface in the area of the ASI, OCC selected a containment option for the ICM. In order to allow for equipment access in the area of the planned ICM, a concrete cap was selected as the most appropriate option.

#### **3.1 Cap Design**

The design for the concrete cap included the following:

- 4,000 pounds per square inch (psi) concrete with ¾-inch aggregate.
- Reinforcement with 50 pounds per cubic yard (lb/yd<sup>3</sup>) Novocon 1050 Steel Fibers.
- Site preparation, forming, and placement without grading of the existing soil/gravel surface.
- Variable thickness concrete cap with a 4-inch minimum thickness.

The concrete cap directs storm water runoff to the storm sewers in the area. Water associated with the cooling tower drains toward the containment around the cooling towers. Water that collects within the cooling tower containment is directed to the deep disposal system on-site.

#### **3.2 Cap Construction**

OCC hired Utility Contractors of Wichita, Kansas, to construct the concrete cap in November 2006. An as-built plan view of the cap and as-built design details are provided in Attachment B. Photographs of the cap are provided in Attachment C.

The full extent of the ASI SWMU is greater than the extent of the current cap. However, as shown on Figure 2-2, the approximate area of the ASI outside the cap is covered with concrete paving associated with plant operational areas.



#### **4. MAINTENANCE AND CONTROL OF INTERIM CORRECTIVE MEASURES AREA**

The Wichita facility has a preventive maintenance program that requires routine inspection of concrete areas to determine durability and sustainability. The approximate area of the ASI has been added to the preventative maintenance inspection program on an annual schedule. The detailed boundary of the ASI will be determined and the ASI further assessed during the On-Site RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI). Until completion of the RFI and implementation of the final corrective measures, an environmental review of major excavation or construction projects will be required by the facility as part of the current Management of Change (MOC) process and as a form of administrative control near the ASI in order to protect human health and prevent potential environmental impact.

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**ATTACHMENT A**  
**ANALYTICAL DATA REPORTS**

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### Polarized Light Microscopy Asbestos Analysis Report

Quantem Lab No.	125751	Client:	Precision Environmental Services
Account Number:	A109		1405 South Mosley
Date Received:	07/01/2005		Wichita, KS 67211
Received By:	Rachel Molieri	Project:	Basic Chemicals
Date Analyzed:	07/05/2005	Project Location:	N/A
Analyzed By:	Shelly Bromley	Project Number:	N/A
Methodology:	EPA 600		

Quantem Sample ID	Client Sample ID	Composition	Color / Description	Asbestos (%)	Non-Asbestos Fiber (%)
001	W16-05	Homogeneous	Gray Insulation	Asbestos Present Chrysotile 75	NA

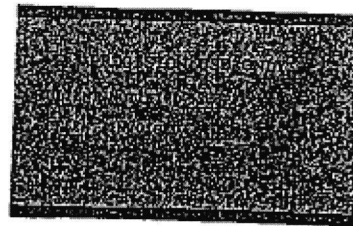
Shelly Bromley  
Shelly Bromley, Analyst

7/5/05  
Date of Report

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DATE 6-30-05

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## PROJECT

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**JOB #**

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ASBESTOS ✓  
LEAD \_\_\_\_\_  
OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

TEST FOR:

**TYPE OF ANALYSIS:**

PLM ✓  
TEM \_\_\_\_\_  
ATOMIC ABSORPTION \_\_\_\_\_  
TCLP \_\_\_\_\_  
OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

TURNAROUND: ☐ Rush ☐ Same Day ☒ 24 hour ☐ Standard

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INSPECTOR/SAMPLER DAVID KUTTLER Jr

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*Leon Conway* 6-30-05

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### Polarized Light Microscopy Asbestos Analysis Report

Quantem Lab No. 125972

Account Number: A109

Date Received: 07/08/2005

Received By: Rachel Molieri

Date Analyzed: 07/08/2005

Analyzed By: Amy Gill

Methodology: EPA 600

Client:

Precision Environmental Services  
1405 South Mosley  
Wichita, KS 67211

Project:

Basic Chemicals

Project Location: N/A

Project Number: N/A

Quantem Sample ID	Client Sample ID	Composition	Color / Description	Asbestos (%)	Non-Asbestos Fiber (%)
001	W17-05	Homogeneous	Gray Insulation	Asbestos Present Chrysotile 20	NA
002	W18-05	Homogeneous	Black Insulation	Asbestos Present Chrysotile 15	NA

Amy Gill, Analyst

7/8/05

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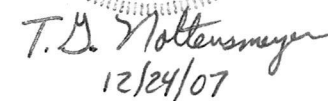


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**ATTACHMENT B**  
**DESIGN DRAWINGS**

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JOB NO A231	DATE 12/20/07	SN	ENG SEC - S. Nottensmeyer
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SCALE 2"=1'-0"	LAYOUT REV	DWG NO 3-1-2-15640	REV 1

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**ATTACHMENT C**  
**PHOTOGRAPHIC DOCUMENTATION**

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Occidental Chemical Corporation, Wichita, Kansas

PHOTOGRAPH NO. 1



**Date:** 04/14/08

**Direction:** NE

**Description:**

Concrete cap located adjacent to the east of cooling tower.

PHOTOGRAPH NO. 2



**Date:** 04/14/08

**Direction:** N

**Description:**

View of the concrete cap from the south.



Occidental Chemical Corporation, Wichita, Kansas

PHOTOGRAPH NO. 3



**Date:** 04/14/08

**Direction:** S

**Description:**

View of the concrete cap from the north.

PHOTOGRAPH NO. 4



**Date:** 04/14/08

**Direction:** SW

**Description:**

View of the concrete cap from the northeast.